The Origin of Indian Corne Tis said that ever so long ago A young maid walked by the river side. singing sweetly, soft and low,

To the music of the tide. And the little maid was passing tail, With eyes of tender, sunny blue, With rosy lips and floating hair Of a wondrous golden hoe.

Her fairy step on the velvet sod Was light and soft as the falling snow; But it reached the ears of a river-god, Who lived in the waves below. He saw the maid, with her floating hear, Her rosy lips an 'er rounded to me, Her teeth like pent . At the visie a mare

His heart grew hold and warm. My eyes before!" said the ardent god, "These mossy banks have never yit By one so tair been trod!

The river maids are fair to see; But never one shall my eyes beh ild, Though I live a thousand years," s iid he, "Like this maid of mortal moult !"

So mid the god. "I will seek her didn; I must bring her bome to live with me, She must be mine, whate'er betide? Said this vain god, boastfully. Then, with a leap, he left the flood, With never a care for right or wrong, And sought the maiden where she stood Singing her little song.

Fear lent her wings. Alar she spies A bank of reeds, tall, dark and dense; And in the sorest need she flice Swift to their frail defence. She said: "Oh! reeds, I pray you hide Me sale and sure from his cruel art."

They crowded around on every side; Each reed had a tender heart. They wound around her trembling form They twined themselves in her sunsy hair; To save the maid from threatening harm, They wrought a marvel there.
For lo! when he parted the slender wall—

He looked on the simple power with scorn-There in the midst, tair, straight and tall, Stood a stalk of Indian corn. This is the reason that night and norm A gentle sigh, as of one who grieves Over some loss, fills the fields of coen And flutters its haunted leaves. This is the reason it whispers so;

'Tis the soul of the maiden prisoned there That night and day, with a murmur low.

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has been ter, Aunt Phobe, bristling with indig-nation, stalked into the kitchen. "If you think I am going to have

So all that had been done for the child

A ROMANCE OF THE PRONTIER.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The increase in the cotton crop South is reported at 500,000 bales more than in any preceding year. The increase is cotton is expected to yield \$20,000,000 more than last year. The tobacco crop is 15,000,000 pounds over last year, and the sugar 200,000 hogsheads greater. This surplus is valued at \$40,000,000 over the product of last year. On the other hand the West is thought to have 20,000,000 bushels of wheat and from 80,000,000 to 100,000 000 bushels of correct than ever before, and the harmonic than ever before, and the more than ever before, and the hap product is also larger this year than for many years past. Cattle will also probably go over previous years' production, the price of grain is large, and meat productions realize fair value.

The foreign medical journals quite generally notice the successful treatment of scarlet fever by Dr. H. Pigeon by the use of sulphur. It appears that all the cases in which he employed this remedy were well marked, and the epidermis on the arms in each case came away like the skin of a snake. The patient was thoroughly annointed twice a day with sulphur ointments, and five or ten grains of sulphur given in a little jam twice daily. Sufficient sulphur was burned three times a day, on coals on a shovel, to fill the room with the funes, and, of course, was thoroughly inhaled by the patient. Dr. Pigeon asserts that, under this mode of treatment, each case improved immediately, and none were over eight days in making a complete recovery.

"Squire, you marry people, I suppose?"
The official nodded.
"Well I reckon I can give you a little job this morning."
"Who are the parties?"
"This little gal here an' me."
His honor pushed back his chair, put

Let Them Go. Need a body tret himself

Over every puny wee! Care is but a sorry olt, Dealing but a coward blow; Striking hardest those who dy; Wounding deepest those who sigh; M. cking loudest when we cry; Need we shrink from such a fee? Hopes are born and hopes must die

Need a body dim his sight, Weeping o'er dead pleasures? No Since they fade tike names we write Lightly on the melting snow, Need we mourn and sigh for this! Die for every Judas kiss? Pain and rapture, wee and bliss, In the warp of life, I trow, Oft are woven "hit or miss "-

Need a body soold and blame, Though the world, perchance, should shou Too much homage to a name All unworthy? Aye, and though Modest merit hide her head, Awed by puffed pretension's tread ! Cheek of brass and brain of lead Often win their laurels so: Merit lives when these are dead-

Bet them go Need a body mean and pine, Dragging onward taint and slow, Drinking sorrow's bitter wine, Where contentment's waters flow will to do and soul to dare, Head to win and heart to share-In the black face of despair

Labor's gauntlet these should throw

Gold Mining vs. Agriculture. However insignificant the returns from agricultural labor may seem to those who till the ground, yet they compare favorably with the results of mining enterprises, both as to incividual gain and national prosperity. Eminent statisticians inform us that

vidual gain and national prosperity. Eminent statisticians inform us that taking the history and results of gold mining within the last fifty years, the average laborer has received less than \$1.18 for each day's labor expended in seeking gold. True, large fortunes have been secured in these uncertain enterprises, yet the general outcome has been illy-paid labor, hardship, poverty and disappointment. Agriculture offers no fields for speculation and gambling; but to the industrious, persevering and intelligent she guarantees health, happiness and prosperity. Seed time is followed by harvest with a certainty which does not attach to delving among the rocks for nature's hidden treasures. Agricultural gains are secured in harmony with nature and without detriment to other industries.

Notwithstanding the enormous totals of gold that have been secured in California since 1849, yet it is a well-known fact that at present the annual wealth produced by her grain fields far exceeds the yield of her mines. Nor is this all that may be said of agriculture in the comparison. Much of the boasted mineral wealth has been obtained by devastating and ruining the arable valleys of the Pacific slope. The damage occasioned to the face of the country by gold mining is beyond the calculations of those who should be deeply interested in the subject, and involve important consequences serious alike to State and nation. As long ago as 1862 it was estimated that the area of surface torn up through the operating of the placer mines amounted to 10,000,000 acres. At timated that the area of surface torn up through the operating of the placer mines amounted to 10,000,000 acres. At the present time it amounts to more than double this area, or four times the total area of the State of Massachusetts. Arable land in California is far higher

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POR THE PAIR SEX.

A writer in the Bossiner and Chronicle says that the biessing of heaven may fall upon any "old-fashioned girl." He once knew such girls, and sketches a portrait of one of them as follows:

She flourished thirty or forty years ago. She was a little girl until she was fifteen.

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She used to help her mother wash the dishes, and keep the kitchen tidy, and she had an ambition to make pies so picely that papa could not tell the difference between them and mamma's.

She could fry griddle-cakes at ten years of age, and darn her own stockings before she was twelve, to my nothing of knitting them herself.

She had her bours of play, and enjoyed herself to the fullest extent.

She had no very costly toys, to be sure, but her rag doll and little bureau and chair that Uncle Tom made were just as valuable to her as the twenty-dollar wax doll and elegant furniture that children have nowadays.

She never said, "I can't," "I don't want to," to her mother, when asked to leave her play and run up stairs or down on an errand, because she had not been broughtup in that way.

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We do not suppose she had her hair in curi-papers or crimping-pins, or had it "banged" over her forehead, and her flounces were no trouble to her.

She learned to sew by making patchwork, and we dare say she could do an "over-and-over" seam as well as nine-tenths of the grown-up women do now-

The old-fast loned little girl did not grow into a young lady and talk about beaux before she was in her teens, and she did not read dime-novels, and was not fancying a hero in every plowboy she met.

she met.

She learned the solid accomplishments as she grew up. She was taught the art of cooking and housekeeping. When she got a husband she knew how to cook him a dinner.

She was not learned in French verbs or Latin declensions, and her near neighbors were spared the agony of hearing her pound out "The Maiden's Prayer" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold" twenty times a day on the piano.

family quite as comfortable as the modern young lady does hers.

It may be a vulgar assertion, but we honestly believe that when it comes to keeping a family happy, a good cook and housekeeper is to be greatly preferred above an accomplished scholar.

When both sets of qualities are found

She went to bed in season, and doubt-jess said her prayers before she went, and slept the sleep of innocence, and rose up in the morning happy and capable of giving happiness.

and especially adapted to stout figures is the redingote, a polonise having a long skirt solded in two plaits below the waist-line in the back and fastened with

Real butterflies are worn both in the hair and on the cut-side of evening bonnets. Ladybugs and beetle, are imitated in milinery ornaments and are seen resting among the ribbons and

The shirred fur basque is seen on winter dresses of soft woolen fabrics. In some of the new overdresses the short panier front is set on in one piece just at the ends of the darks, as if attached to a basque, and is then gathered into the curved side seams. Black silk and black cachmere continue to be the popular materials for costumes for a large class of women.

Sealskin, more largely in demand than ever, is worn by all ages, from children of six years to dowagers of eighty. Boas will not be much worn on account of the general use of fur hands on wraps of all kinds. When selecting sealsking garments the purchaser will do well to bear in mind that the garment, if properly made, will have the pile of the erly made. will have the pile of the first the seventh district first the seventh district a stdening upward. Sacques which have the fewest seams are also to be preferred. Sealskin, after exposure to raim or snow should be immediately taken and opened to dry ware there is no artificial heat. The heat of the fire will faiure it.

Congress who less died.

The following is a description of a bridal robe worn by a Philadelphi's bride: The robe was of cream-tinted white satin of the richest texture, with a silvery sheen. The front of the skirt was embroidered in pearls and white bugles, forming a large pyramid of flowers and leaves on either side of the lace, made to order in Brussels, which was arranged in jabots, each having is the center a bouquet of waxen orange blossoms. Bordering the lace was a vine embroidered in pearls and white bugles, running perpendicularly from wave compelled to some

bugles, running perpendicularly from the bottom to the top. The train was very long and cut square; lace arranged in labots trimmed its entire length at the back. The walst, which had sharp points back and front, was low-neck, square and trimmed with the same lace as the skirt, to represent a botths. The deep border of the landkarchief was of exquisite lace. The dan had reinbowhed in pearl ations. The wal reinbowhed in pearl ations. The wal reinbowhed in pearl ations. The well of tille was unusually long, and way factored to the head with waxes ontige blooms of the land had reinbowhed in pearl ations. The well of tille was unusually long, and way factored to the head with waxes ontige blooms of the land had been a superior of a planeta and about of allowing the same of the lates.

**NEWS SUM** 

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The hir held by the Ser-New York lasted three wes

Hon. Winthrop W. Ketcher United States district court district of Pennsylvania and a Congress, died in Pittsburgt, ago, aged fifty-ning years. John B. Gough spoke at a u ing in Brooklyn the other nig A fire at Troy, N. T., doot brick buildings, occupied to collar manufactories, a block ment houses and the G church, causing an estimated. This is the most disastron cursed in Troy eince 1862. The second international opened in New York by There was a fine exhibition :

dairy products. The municipal election is a the re-election of Mayor eratic candidate, by a vote of for the Republican candida Lowell elected the Republica mayor and Newburyport its of the interesting features

When both sets of qualities are found together, as they sometimes are, then is the household over which such a woman has control biessed.

The old-fashioned little girl was modest in her demeaner, and she never talked slang or used by-words.

She did not laugh at old people or make fin of cripples, as we saw some modern little girls doing the other day. She had respect for elders, and was not above listening to words of counsel from those older than herselt.

She did not think she knew as much as her nother, and that her judgment was as good as her grandmother's.

She did not go to parties by the time she was ten, and stay till after midnight playing eachre, and dancing with any chance young man who happened to be present. man i was hored in three months, less than half the tir work. It is a perisotly straited dimester, and capable of an immense body of water. length was bored through will cost about \$1,000,000, a printed by the city for the s Mediord Waters, a color-rears old, was banged to likton, Md., for the line

Danis Kearney, the Califorantion of Governor Marks, of Toma natters, and to provide a A dispatch from Los Pos orado, says that the Units tion with the United Steel ignification of the ribbons and lined with silk, velvet or satin of becoming order and shaded with a long feature, are stituble for young unmarried is dispand misses of tall slight figures. Very small lasts or bonnets are unbecoming to large heads and stout figures, as are hats without brims; these ought to be reserved for small faces.

Satin of a cream-white tint is the festionable material for wedding dresses, while brocade silk or satin furnishes the drapery. Bridal veils come in the shape of the Spanish mantilla. The conventional orange-blossoms, lilies of the valley, white pinks, and in fact all small white flowers are employed in bridal garniture.

A novelty in kid gloves for full dress toilets shows alternate bands of kid and lace insertion extending from the virist to the elbow, where the glove is finished with a frill of lace. White Valenciennes and Breton lace are favorite kinds for white and delicate colored gloves; black gloves employ black French and guipure laces for their ornamentation.

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Coogram who has died. of election; Schleicher, just before the close of